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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed on August 27, 2007, Applicants request consideration and entry of the following amendments and remarks. This response is accompanied by a request for a one-month extension of time. The new deadline to respond is December 27, 2007.

Amendments to the Claims begin on Page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on Page 6 of this paper.